

# Winchester Public Schools

## SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Winchester Elementary School Parents

**FROM:** William H. McAlduff, Jr.  
Superintendent of Schools

**DATE:** February 26, 2010

**RE:** McCall Middle School Principal Search Process – Finalists Announced

As you may be aware Mr. Vandy French, the long time Principal of the McCall Middle School, is retiring at the end of the current school year. A Search Advisory Committee (SAC) has been working with me as part of the process for identifying and recommending finalists for the Principal's position. The SAC has finished its work and has recommended three finalists.

The next step in our process is to invite the finalist candidates to visit McCall Middle School in order to see the school in operation as well as interact with a number of key groups including parents. As elementary school parents you are invited to participate in the next step by taking the opportunity to meet and interact with these finalist candidates. This is an important activity as I will ask each staff member and parent who participates to provide their own personal feedback on each candidate. **The finalists are:**

Dr. Dorothy Flaherty	Assistant Principal - Hunking Middle School in Haverhill, MA
Mr. William Grubb	Assistant Principal - W.L. Chenery Middle School in Belmont, MA
Mr. Karsten Schlenter	Principal - Swan Valley Middle School in Saginaw, MI

A schedule for the visitation day (Thursday March 4, 2010) can be found below.

#### McCall Middle School Planned Visitation Schedule (12:30 – 8:00 PM) Thursday March 4, 2010

	<u>Dr. Flaherty</u>	<u>Mr. Schlenter</u>	<u>Mr. Grubb</u>
<b>12:30 - 1:00</b>	<b>Parents</b>	Tour	Leadership Team
<b>1:00 - 1:30</b>	Leadership Team	<b>Parents</b>	Tour
<b>1:30 - 2:00</b>	Tour	Leadership Team	<b>Parents</b>
<b>2:25 - 2:50</b>	Staff	Directors/Coordinators	Mr. French/ Mr. Marotta
<b>2:50 - 3:15</b>	Directors/Coordinators	Mr. French/ Mr. Marotta	Staff
<b>3:15 - 3:40</b>	Mr. French/ Mr. Marotta	Staff	Directors/Coordinators
<b>6:30 - 7:00</b>	<b>Parents</b>	Debrief with SAC	Mr. McAlduff/Dr. Kerble
<b>7:00 - 7:30</b>	Mr. McAlduff/Dr. Kerble	<b>Parents</b>	Debrief with SAC
<b>7:30 - 8:00</b>	Debrief with SAC	Mr. McAlduff/Dr. Kerble	<b>Parents</b>

We have developed the above schedule in order to provide for as maximum amount of parent participation as possible. We understand your busy schedules and invite you to attend either between 12:30 and 2:00 or 6:30 and 8:00. Your participation in this process is important and parents who are able to attend will be encouraged to provide feedback through forms that will be provided. Of course seeing and interacting with all three candidates will provide the Superintendent with the best feedback. Your parent colleagues on the SAC are: Michael Cassidy, Paula Michienzi, Jill Pytkkanan and Genny Soper. They have done an outstanding job. I look forward to seeing you on March 4<sup>th</sup>.